

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-2 (cancelled)

Claim 3 (Amended): A firearm comprising:
an elongated barrel having a rearward end;
a breech plug fastened to the rearward end of the barrel with
a nipple extending rearwardly of the breech plug;
a receiver at the rearward end of the barrel, the receiver
having an opening for receiving a firing element,
a bolt assembly positioned within the receiver, and
the firing element having an elongated bore extending through
the firing element from a forward end to a rearward end
wherein the rearward end of the bore receives a
percussion element and the forward end receives the
nipple such that a forward end of the percussion element
is in alignment with the nipple; and
the firing element has a cylindrical body member with a
rearward portion of greater diameter, a forwardmost
portion of reduced diameter, and a shoulder portion on
the body member between the forwardmost and rearward
portions dwelling in a plane perpendicular to a center
elongated axis of the body member.

Claims 4-5 (Cancelled).